Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Don Knapp began his tenure on the Black Hills Electric Cooperative's board of directors in 1987, serving in every officer position, including six years as board president and six years as treasurer, and will retire after twenty-four years of service; and,

Whereas, Don completed his director certification through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He has helped guide Black Hills Electric Cooperative through many changes in the electric industry, and has always been a strong advocate for affordable energy for the co-op's 7,400 members; and,

Whereas, Don was born and raised in Rapid City. After graduating from high school he served three years in the U.S. Navy and is a veteran of the Korean Conflict. After he returned home, he began working for Northwestern Bell Telephone; and,

Whereas, Don retired after Thirty-two years, and now operates a ranch near Hermosa with his wife, Maxine. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter; and,

Whereas, Don is a charter member of the Battle Creek Post 303 of the American Legion. He was selected Rapid City area Ag Producer of the Year in 2007, served on the Production Credit Association Board of Directors, Custer County Fair Board, and is a member of the United Church of Christ, Battle River Masonic Lodge, Naja Shrine Temple, Hermosa Water Users Association, Telephone Pioneers of America, and the Hermosa Volunteer Fire Department; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan, and congratulate him on his retirement and honor him for his dedication to the members of Black Hills Electric Cooperative at the cooperative's 66th annual meeting on June 3, 2011:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2011, as

DON KNAPP DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State